



**Non-Refundable Application Fee: \$20.00**

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## WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE Enrollment Application For Master Hunter Program

NOTE: Individuals who do not meet the requirements set forth in WAC 232-12-073(3) **MAY NOT APPLY** for enrollment in the Washington Master Hunter Program. A link to the WAC can be found at <http://wdfw.wa.gov/hunting/masterhunter/>

WILD ID # \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Age	Date Of Birth	Male (Circle)	Female (Circle)
Mailing Address		City	State	Zip Code		
County	Home Phone	Cell Phone	E-Mail			
Have you successfully completed a basic hunter education course? (Circle Answer)		Yes	No	If yes, where and when?		
Have you <b>EVER</b> been charged with a misdemeanor or felony? (Circle Answer)		Yes	No	If yes, please describe the charges IN DETAIL on a separate sheet.		
Have you <b>EVER</b> received a citation for violation of state or federal wildlife laws? (Circle Answer)		Yes	No	If yes, please describe the charges IN DETAIL on a separate sheet.		

I understand that my application for enrollment will not be accepted unless I enclose a check or money order payable to W.H.E.I.A. (Washington Hunter Education Instructors' Association) in the amount of \$20.00. I further understand that a principal objective in the Master Hunter program is to represent the highest ethical ideals as a Washington hunter. I understand that failure to uphold those high ideals may result in termination from the Master Hunter program. I acknowledge that:

- Applications are accepted only between January 1 – March 31 annually
- Certification as a Master Hunter is valid only for a five-year period
- I must contribute at least 20 hours of voluntary service in an approved project activity
- I must demonstrate shooting proficiency with at least one hunting implement
- I must study WDFW-provided materials and pass a rigorous test on those materials
- I must complete a C.O.R.T. (Crime Observation and Reporting Training) course offered by Eyes In The Woods prior to receiving certification as a Master Hunter
- I must sign and abide by the Master Hunter *Code Of Ethics* prior to certification
- I must agree to submit to a criminal background check prior to certification as a Master Hunter

If I am successful in completing the requirements established by the Department of Fish and Wildlife for the Master Hunter program, I agree to accept my responsibility as a Master Hunter, obey fish and wildlife laws, and conduct myself as an ethical hunter at all times.

I further certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this application is true and accurate. I understand that any misrepresentation or concealment of material fact will be sufficient grounds for rejection of my application or certification as a Master Hunter in Washington State.

I also understand that WDFW will conduct a criminal background investigation during the Master Hunter application process. I hereby authorize such action by my signature below. I acknowledge that I am responsible for any charges incurred by WDFW as part of the background investigation and that failure to pay such charges will result in denial of my application as a Master Hunter.

**SIGNATURE**

**DATE**

Retain a copy for your records. Return completed applications and enrollment fees to WDFW, Master Hunter Program, 600 Capitol Way N, Olympia, WA 98501-1091

## **What is the Master Hunter Education Program?**

The “Master Hunter” education (MH) program is a voluntary program designed to promote responsible hunting. The program is based around a model of independent study, offering maximum flexibility to hunters in pursuing MH training.

The goals of the program are simple and straightforward:

- Improving landowner-sportsman relations
- Increasing hunter knowledge
- Expanding hunting opportunities and/or hunter access to private lands.

## **What are the benefits or rewards?**

Individuals who successfully complete the program receive a patch and certificate as recognition of their accomplishments. In addition, there are special hunting opportunities available based on WDFW management needs and other considerations. Special opportunities vary from year to year, and may include elk, deer, and turkey hunts in designated units throughout Washington. Please note, however, that recognition and special hunts are really icing on the proverbial cake. Individuals who are only interested in additional hunting opportunity are asked to look elsewhere other than MH. The true motivation for participants interested in enrolling in the MH program should be a genuine and personal desire to publicly demonstrate a level of knowledge and skill that goes beyond that required of an “average” hunter. Washington is fortunate to have hundreds of thousands of conscientious, law-abiding hunters and conservationists. The MH program provides an opportunity for those who care enough about the future of hunting to step forward and assume a leadership role among their hunting peers.

## **What is required?**

A most challenging opportunity, the MH program requires applicants to demonstrate shooting proficiency with a bow, handgun, muzzleloader, rifle, or shotgun. In addition, MH applicants must donate a minimum of 20 hours on a project benefiting our wildlife resource. Attendance at Crime Observation and Reporting Training (C.O.R.T.) and a background check are also required for successful completion. In addition, prospective MH candidates must study the comprehensive materials supplied and demonstrate their learning with an 80% passing score on a very stimulating written examination. Finally, a background investigation and a signed agreement to abide by the Master Hunter Code of Ethics are required. All work is to be completed within a nine months from the date of enrollment.

## **Are there any cost?**

Yes, but they are held to an absolute minimum. MH candidates pay a \$20.00 basic application fee. Please note that individuals requesting print copies (rather than the included CD) incur additional charges to cover the additional costs of printing. Monies are used to defer program costs.

## **How can I enroll in the program? What if I have other questions?**

Fill out the enclosed application, enclose a check payable to WHEIA and send it in to the address listed on the other side of this application.

If you have other questions, please check the web site at [www.washingtonmasterhunter.com](http://www.washingtonmasterhunter.com) .